

Seminary Hill Association, Inc.
2115 Marlboro Drive
Alexandria, VA 22304

April 27, 2011

Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, and Members of the City Council:

The Seminary Hill Association, Inc. (SHA), asks you to fully fund all of the recommendations of the Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholders Advisory Group; especially the archaeological investigation, the mitigation of storm water runoff, and the development of a master plan for the park.

Fort Ward Park exists today because of the efforts of Seminary Hill residents. Over 40 years ago, on April 1, 1954, SHA's President spoke to the Alexandria Planning Commission about the need to save the area as an important historical park to be used for education and enjoyment. In 2007, SHA encouraged the Alexandria City staff and City Council to address health, crime, and quality of life issues related to Fort Ward Park and its surrounding communities.

SHA appreciates the many improvements the City has made and supports continuing efforts to find solutions to ongoing problems. As former SHA President Wiecking told the Planning Commission in 1954, "The Association will stay with you and the City on Fort Ward and see it through. The Association will do all it can to help make and keep Fort Ward Historical Park a benefit and credit to the City."

Then and now SHA members stand ready to help the City protect, manage, and enjoy this special historical park. Please fund in the FY2012 Budget all of the recommendations of the Advisory Group so our jewel of a park will sparkle again.

Sincerely yours,



Nancy R. Jennings
President, Seminary Hill Association, Inc.